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Amount available under "Public Account."

* 668 *Q.*—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state what amount "under Public Account" was available (outstanding) on the closing day of last month, without investment on capital works?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"The total amount outstanding under "Public Account" and remaining uninvested on the 31st January 1953 (the latest date for which figures are now available), was Rs. 26·20 lakhs, which represents a liability to the Government. The total amount due to the Government from local bodies, cultivators, etc., in respect of loans and advances given previously to them, was about Rs. 24½ crores, as on the 31st January 1953."

Weavers' Relief Scheme.

* 669 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state regarding the Weavers' Relief Scheme as on 28th February 1953—

(*a*) the total amount of share capital advanced to handloom weavers to become members of Weavers' Co-operatives;

(*b*) the total number of handlooms working under the Relief Scheme;

(*c*) the total amount of working capital advanced to the weavers' co-operatives working under Relief Scheme;

(*d*) the total amount of wages paid to the handloom weavers under the Relief Scheme and what is the average monthly wage earned by a loom; and

(*e*) the minimum weaving wage being paid under Relief Scheme?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"(*a*) *to* (*e*) The answer [a] is placed on the table of the House."

House-sites for Harijans in Krishna district.

* 670 *Q.*—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have issued instructions to the District Welfare Officers to acquire only dry lands for house-sites for Harijans; and

(*b*) how many acres of wet lands were acquired for house-sites for Harijans in the year 1952–53 in the (1) State and (2) in Krishna district?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—"(*a*) No.

"(*b*) (1) 80 acres 96 cents.

(2) 14 acres 76 cents."

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 656–657 infra.